



Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278

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Dear FRPP Sponsor,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). Enclosed are the application materials you requested:

Application Checklist - Please complete, sign, and attach this to the front of your FRPP application.

Application Guidelines - There is no required application format or forms. These guidelines will help ensure your application is complete and is competitive for FRPP funding.

Indiana Program Sponsor Information - What to expect if your organization is approved for FRPP funding.

Steps for Funded Sponsors - Specific actions that sponsor organizations must complete to close an easement and receive FRPP reimbursement.

Ranking Worksheet - The scoring sheet we will use to rank your application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the **2004 Request for Proposals**. Please check our web site for more information: <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov>

Applications must be received in the Indiana NRCS state office by close of business,-----, 2004. Funding decisions are expected to be made by mid-summer 2004. Submit applications to:

Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
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Please be sure to call us whenever you have questions. This is especially important if you are a first time applicant. Communication early in the application process will help ensure that you understand FRPP rules, and efficiently develop a complete and competitive application.

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